

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

APRIL 19, 1858.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. SIMMONS made the following

REPORT.

[To accompany Bill S. 274.]

*The Committee on Patents and the Patent Office, to whom was referred the memorial of Randall Pegg, report as follows:*

The petitioner was employed by the late Robert Mills, superintendent and architect of the public buildings, as a watchman at the Patent Office extension, for which service he received less compensation per day than that paid by the government to other watchmen, and he now asks Congress to allow him the difference between the pay actually received and the compensation allowed to others for similar service.

The petitioner was employed on the 23d day of March, 1849, and from that time until the 1st of October, 1850, was paid at the rate of \$1 per day; from this date until the 31st of May, 1851, at the rate of \$1 25 per day; and subsequently at \$1 40 per day. Mr. Mills certifies that the petitioner's "pay per diem was to be what was the customary allowance, by the government for such service," but as the commissioner paid the rolls, he did not notice the difference in the pay. The Acting Commissioner of the Patent Office states that the pay of watchmen during the years 1849 and 1850 was \$1 50 per day. It appears, also, that on the 30th day of September, 1850, a law was passed fixing the pay of all watchmen in the executive departments at \$500 per annum. The committee are of the opinion that, under the terms of his engagement, the petitioner should have received the pay allowed to other watchmen, and recommend the passage of an act to pay him the difference between the amount received and \$1 50 per day from the date of his employment to the passage of the act fixing the compensation of watchmen; after the 30th of September, 1850, to be allowed the compensation authorized by the act of that date, and report a bill accordingly.

